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Position of the AVH in Ministry of Interior/
Organization of an AVO Guard Battalion/
Various AVO Units/Personalities

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1. AVO personnel are selected carefully. The candidate must have a recommendation from his employer and his town council after which his background and habits are checked by the AVO.

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norma 3 ration. Norma 1 was for the regular units except armor which received the norma 2. AVO, Air Force and River Patrol units had norma 3.
Other pay rates were:

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Pfc.....170 forints a month
Cpl.....190
Junior sgt...210

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The higher NCO's, usually professional soldiers, receive a monthly base pay of about 12 hundred forints. The NCO's, like officers, received additional assignment pay; for example, the pay of an ordnance sergeant was about 14 hundred forints.

6. In February 1956 [redacted] a cut in AVO personnel by the Ministry of Defense. 25X1
7. [redacted] other guard battalions were located at Bajcsi Zailinszky Kaserne, Budapest; Obuda, Vac, Miskolc, Szeged, Kecskemet, and that the AVO Criminal Cases Department is in Jaszai Mari Park, Budapest. The Vessprem battalion was in direct contact with the Soviet military command at Hajmasker; whenever a higher headquarters made an inspection, a Soviet officer always was part of the inspecting team. 25X1
8. [redacted] one of the battalion's companies near Tatabanya 148648, 1:50,000 sheet 47. It is in a large wooded area surrounded by a barbed wire fence. [See on-file Notice No. 2, described at end of report, for layout of ammunition dump.] 25X1
9. [redacted] ammunition for this dump was shipped from the Budaorsi ammunition factory and from the Vadasztolteny Gyar, Szekesfehervar. From three to six trucks arrived daily either to deliver or haul away ammunition. 25X1
10. Every man in the battalion had to be familiar with [redacted] organization, and [redacted] with the position of the AVO in the organization of the Ministry of Defense. 25X1

11. [redacted] 25X1

AVO PERSONALITIES

12. Maj. Gen. Sander Ronai was chief of the AVO's main political group. He was a professional soldier. 25X1
13. Maj. Miklos Gorog [redacted] is the supervisor of AVO groups. [redacted] 25X1
14. 1st Lt. Simon, was an AVO company commander. [redacted] 25X1
15. Capt. Gyula Perjes, [redacted] was killed in 1953 in the Zala district by the Yugoslav border patrol during a border crossing. [redacted] 25X1
16. Brig. Gen. Janos Valencsak, [redacted] chief of the internal security forces, [redacted] 25X1
17. Maj. Zoltan Vadas [redacted] was commanding officer of the First AVO Guard Regiment. [redacted] 25X1

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- (1) Surveillance unit - This type of unit is employed where suspects or groups of suspects are likely to pass while being shadowed. When the suspect passes, a signal is given to the next shadowing team. The surveillance team consists of one NCO in charge and two or three men.
- (2) Pursuit unit - This unit is in close contact with the surveillance unit. It receives the signal from the surveillance unit indicating that the suspect has passed. They then follow the suspect as inconspicuously as possible. This unit consists of one officer in the rank of Lt or 1st Lt and 4-20 men.
- (3) Trap unit - This unit is also in close contact with the surveillance unit. The trap is set up at a location most likely to be passed by the suspect. After they receive notification by the surveillance unit on the proximity of the suspect the unit gets set to close the trap on the arriving suspect or group of suspects. When the suspect is firmly in the trap they close in and make the arrest. This unit usually consists of one officer in charge and 2-11 men.
- (4) Blocking unit - This type unit is brought into play when a town or a section of town is to be isolated. This unit consists of one operational officer in charge and 30-100 men.
- (5) Searching unit - This unit does the actual searching of an area isolated by the blocking unit. The searching unit consists of one officer in charge (Lt or a 1st Lt) and 11-30 men.
- (6) Tracking unit - This unit is usually sent out to follow leads left by suspects or engaged in tracing suspects. A Captain or a 1st Lt is in charge of this unit and approximately 11 men make up the entire unit.
- (7) Checkpoint unit - This unit is employed for checking military and civilian personnel leaving or entering a blocked area. Every individual is checked for proper identification (ID card). The team consists of one Junior Lt or NCO and three men.
- (8) Security Patrols - They are responsible for safeguarding the work of other AVO units. The size of the unit can range from a platoon to a battalion. Depending on the size, the officer in charge ranges from platoon leader to battalion commander.
- (9) Watching unit - This unit has the mission of guarding agents left behind the enemy. Agents are then rounded up by specialists. The team consists of one or two men.
- (10) Guard Troops - Guard troops are employed in guarding important military and civilian installations. Usually an operational AVO officer is in charge.
- (11) Arresting unit - This unit makes arrest of personnel who committed political crimes, and personnel who damage or misuse government property. The unit consists of one officer ranging from 1st Lt to Major, and from 4-11 men.
- (12) The final arrest-making unit - In the case where a person has been arrested by border guards, police or other government agencies excluding the AVO, this unit makes the AVO arrest and moves the individual to AVO custody.
- (13) Interrogators unit - This unit consists only of officers in the grade of Captain and up. The interrogating officer during his interrogation controls as many EM guards as are necessary for the interrogation.

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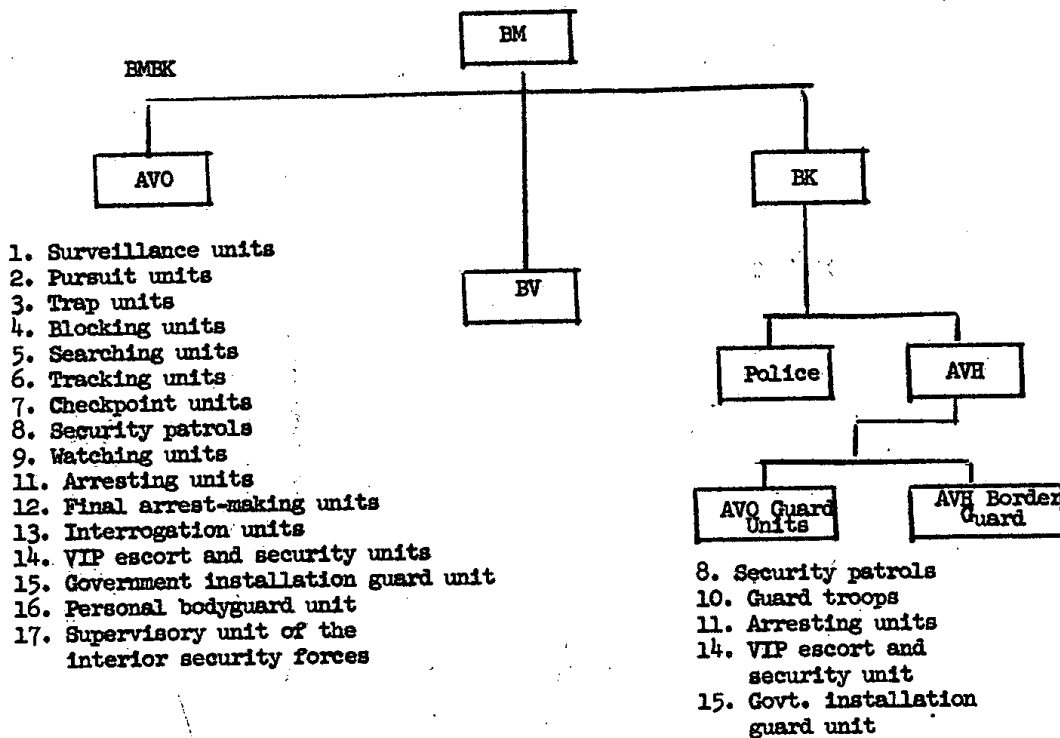
- (14) VIP Escort and Security Unit - This unit goes into operation whenever high officials are visiting. This also includes visits by high foreign officials. This unit is responsible for securing the itinerary of the VIPs and of giving personal protection.
- (15) Government Installation Guard Unit - This unit is engaged in guarding government buildings, homes of the ministers, Party headquarters, etc. All of the guard personnel are NCOs.
- (16) Personal Bodyguards' Unit - Personnel from this unit are charged with guarding the president, ministers and other high government officials, giving them personal protection. All of the guard personnel are NCOs.
- (17) The supervisory unit of the interior security forces - This unit is charged with the supervision of the work of all AVO forces in Hungary. Major Gorog was the commanding officer of this unit from 1954 until 1955. Personnel normally in civilian clothes.

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BM - Ministry of the Interior/Belugy Miniszterium
 BMBK - Operation security forces of the Ministry of the Interior/Belugy Miniszteriumi Balso Karhatalom
 BV - Prison guards
 BK - Interior security troops/Belso Karhatalom

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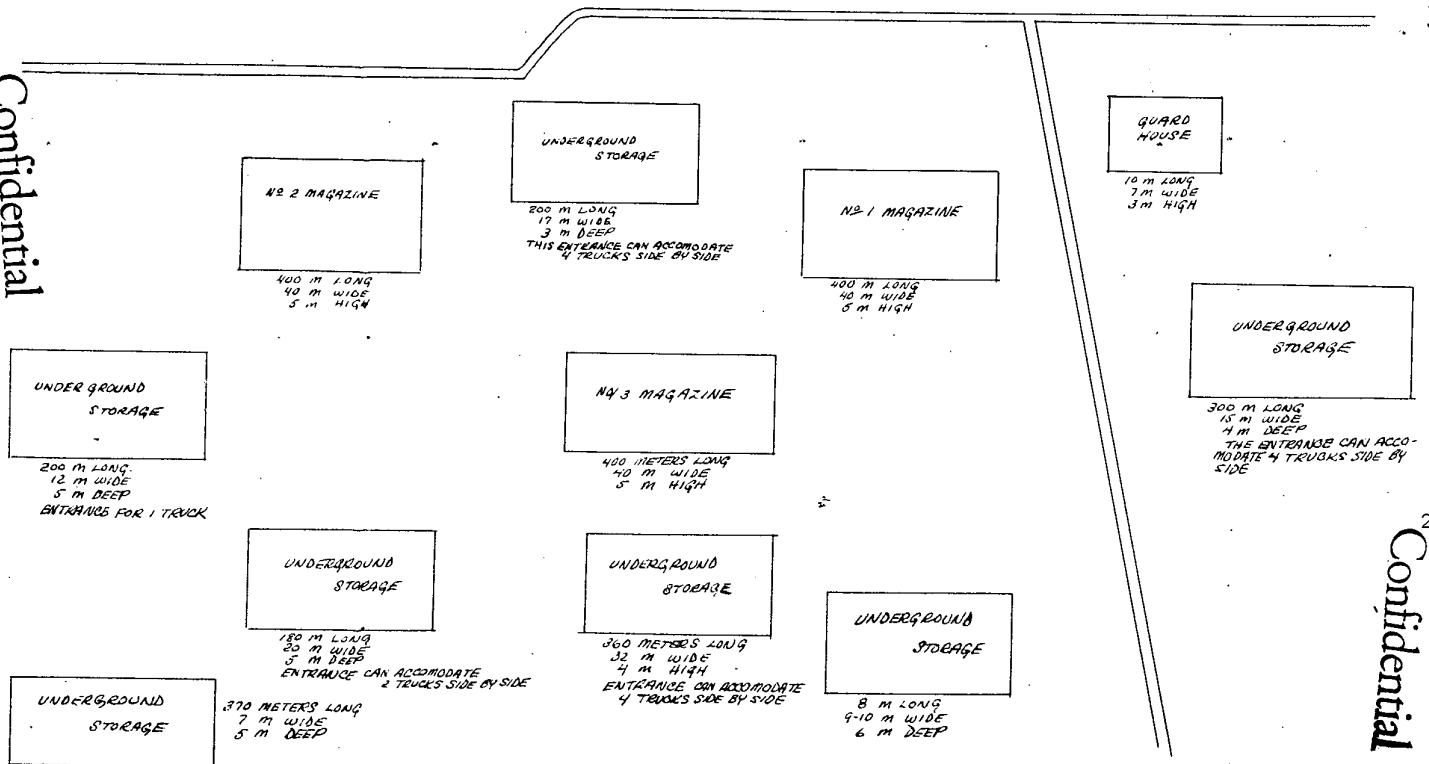
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THE PLAN OF THE AMMO DUMP NEAR TATA BANYA

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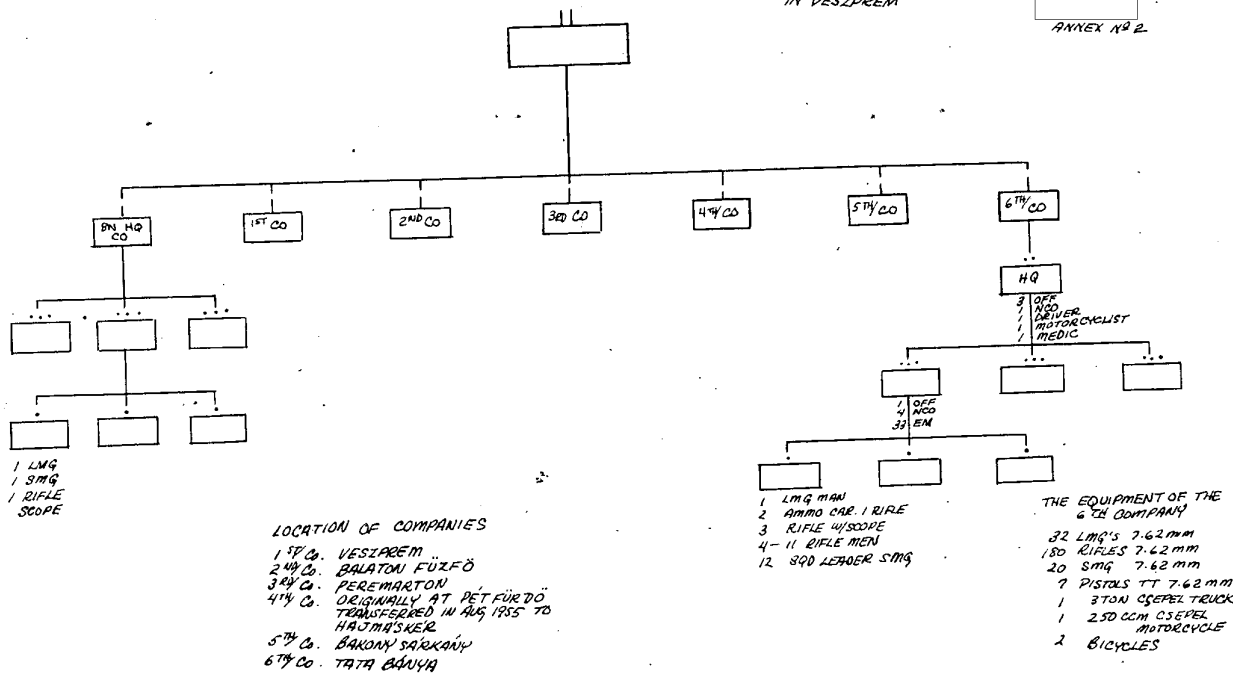
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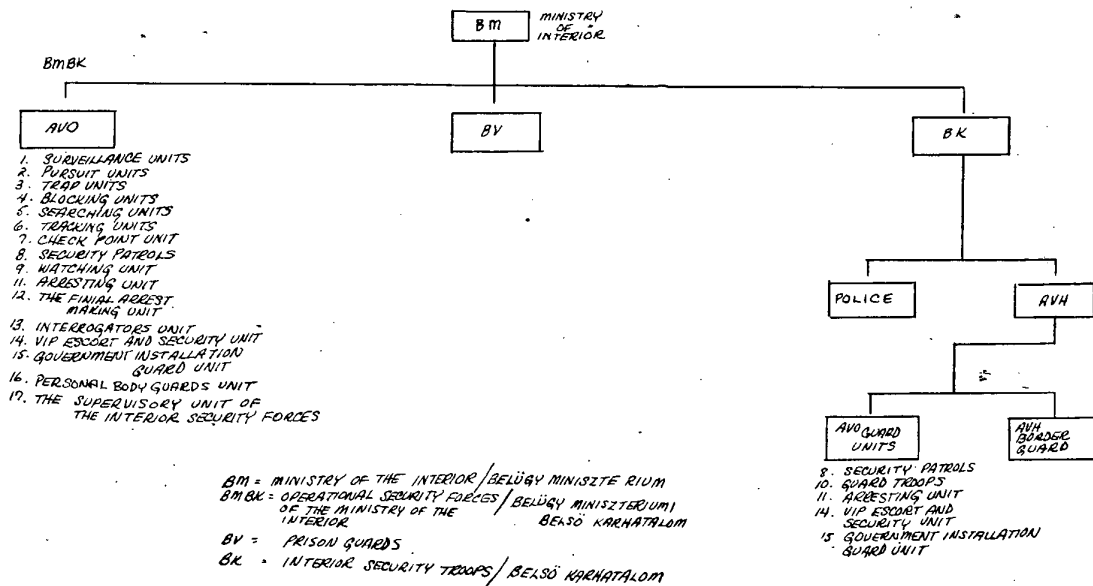
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